

OVERWEIGHT VEHICLE SPECIAL PERMIT RIDER

City of Long Beach, Department of Public Works

Permit No. _____

An overweight vehicle special permit is required for all motor vehicles hauling 40-foot or longer, reducible load ocean shipping containers that have a total weight of greater than 80,000 pounds. **The maximum total weight that is allowed by this permit is 95,000 pounds.** This permit is to be issued by the Director of Public Works, of the City of Long Beach or his designee. Approved overweight driving routes within the City of Long Beach are shown on the attached map.

This abridged summary of the law that applies to special permit operation was prepared to assist truck drivers, permittees, City staff and field law enforcement personnel. The complete references for this summary are: City of Long Beach Municipal Code Section 10.41, Resolution No. C-25854, Board of Harbor Commissioners Resolution No. HD-1771, HD-1908 and the State of California Vehicle Code (particularly, but not limited to, Chapter 5 of Division 15). Any special conditions which apply to this permit are listed at the end of this rider.

1. This permit is valid only in combination with a Transportation Permit from the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works. Both City and County permits are necessary for the operation of overweight vehicles carrying reducible loads within the City of Long Beach.

2. The maximum allowable gross weight is determined by the capacities of the axle groups, according to the table of gross weights per axle group in Section 35551(a) of the California Vehicle Code. The maximum weight permitted a truck tractor/semi-trailer combination is the sum of the capacities of the front steering axle (20,000 pounds), the drive axle group and the rear (chassis) axle group, up to the limit of 95,000 pounds. The table below summarizes maximum allowable weight per axle group:

Distance in Feet Between Extreme Axle Centers		2 Axle Group	3 Axle Group
Nominal	Actual		
8'	Less than 8'10"	34,000 lbs	34,000 lbs
9'	8'10" up to 9'10"	39,000 lbs	42,500 lbs
10'*	9'10" up to 10'10"	40,000 lbs	43,500 lbs
* Maximum allowable weights for axle spacing over this dimension can be taken from Section 35551(a) of the CVC. Actual axle measurements must be no less than two inches smaller than nominal dimensions.			

For example: a tractor equipped with a triple axle drive group with a spread of 8'0", pulling a double axle rear or chassis group spread at 8'11", would be permitted an 93,000 pound maximum total weight:

Front Steering Axle		Drive Axle Group		Rear Axle Group		Maximum Gross Weight
20,000	+	34,000	+	39,000	=	93,000 lbs.

Loading distribution shall conform with the described axle group weight limits and is the responsibility of the permittee.

3. The distance between the kingpin and the rear axle shall be thirty-five (35) feet or more. All axles with the exception of the front steering axle should be equipped with dual wheels and tires on each end unless it is established that permittee's axle equipped with single wheels and tires satisfies vehicle code requirements. Loading per axle may not exceed the manufacturer's Gross Axle Weight Rating for that equipment. Under no circumstances shall the weight on any one axle within an axle group exceed 20,000 pounds.

4. All permittees are required to have their tractors and chassis inspected for safety every 90 days. A safety inspection report by the California Highway Patrol must be submitted with the permit application and carried in the vehicle at all times that the overweight vehicle is traveling on public streets.

5. A placard shall be displayed on the front and rear of each overweight vehicle traveling on public streets. The placard shall be at least 4 feet long and read, "OVERWEIGHT VEHICLE". The minimum letter size shall be 10 inches high, with a line width of at least 1.6 inches. The letters shall be black on a yellow reflectorized background.

6. Permittees must provide appropriate training to the drivers of overweight vehicles and certify on their application that the drivers employed by the permittee shall receive special training prior to operating an overweight vehicle. Each driver must carry a personal certificate of training in the operation of overweight vehicles at all times during overweight operation and shall present this certificate to any law enforcement officer on demand.

7. Permittees shall provide proof of insurance by providing a certificate of vehicle liability insurance to the City. Insurance must be approved by the City prior to permit issuance. "Certificate Holder", must be, City of Long Beach, Dept. of Public Works, 333 West Ocean Blvd., 10th Floor, Long Beach, CA 90802 and have a 30-day written notice of cancellation provision. Insurance shall be in an amount not less than the minimum limits required by State law. Insurance shall be issued by a company admitted in the state of California or having a Best's Insurance Guide rating of A.VIII or equivalent. All vehicles to be permitted shall be identified on the certificate by license or VIN number. A copy of the certificate is to be carried in each vehicle during overweight operation.

8. Overweight vehicles with special permits shall travel from cargo pickup point to delivery point on the designated streets shown on the attached map or by the most direct route possible. Travel on residential streets (defined as a street which provides access to one or more dwellings) is prohibited. The use, including crossing, of State routes (see map) is by California Department of Transportation permit only.

9. The maximum speed limit of overweight vehicles is 30 miles per hour. Whenever an overweight vehicle is on a bridge, over-crossing or grade separation, the vehicle shall remain at least 100 feet behind any tractor semi-trailer combination or other vehicle with 5 or more axles.

10. Overweight vehicles traveling on public streets are subject to inspection by the Director of Public Works (or his designee) and any law enforcement officer. The following must be available within their vehicle for inspection at all times and presented on demand:

- a) special permit with rider and attached map
- b) current safety inspection stickers for tractor and semi-trailer
- c) certificate of driver training in the operation of overweight vehicles
- d) evidence of vehicle liability insurance

11. The permit fee for a single trip is \$16.00. The permit fee for annual operation is \$90.00. If an Engineering investigation or other special services are necessary because of unusual equipment configuration, etc., permittee will be notified prior to the extra work and billed for the actual cost to the City.

12. Any person convicted of a violation of special permit terms and conditions shall be punished by a fine not exceeding \$500 or by imprisonment in the county jail for a period not exceeding 6 months, or both. In addition, if the violation involves weight in excess of the permitted amount, an additional fine shall apply to the amount of excess weight (CVC Secs. 35784.5 and 42030). Two or more permit violations within any 90-day period shall result in revocation of all permits, which shall not be reissued for 90 days following the revocation.

13. No restrictions on hours of operation apply.

Special conditions: _____